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Please amend the claims as follows:

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15. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein collecting further comprises:
writing the received ready status data to a status register; and
scheduling transfers of data packets over the bus in response to the transferred
portion of the ready status data.
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18. (Amended) A router, comprising:
a bus; and
a parallel processor coupled to the bus and comprising:
a plurality of processing engines to process data transfers with a plurality
of devices connected to the bus; and
an interface connected to collect ready status data from the devices and to
automatically transfer ready status data to the processing engines in response to the status
data being collected.

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